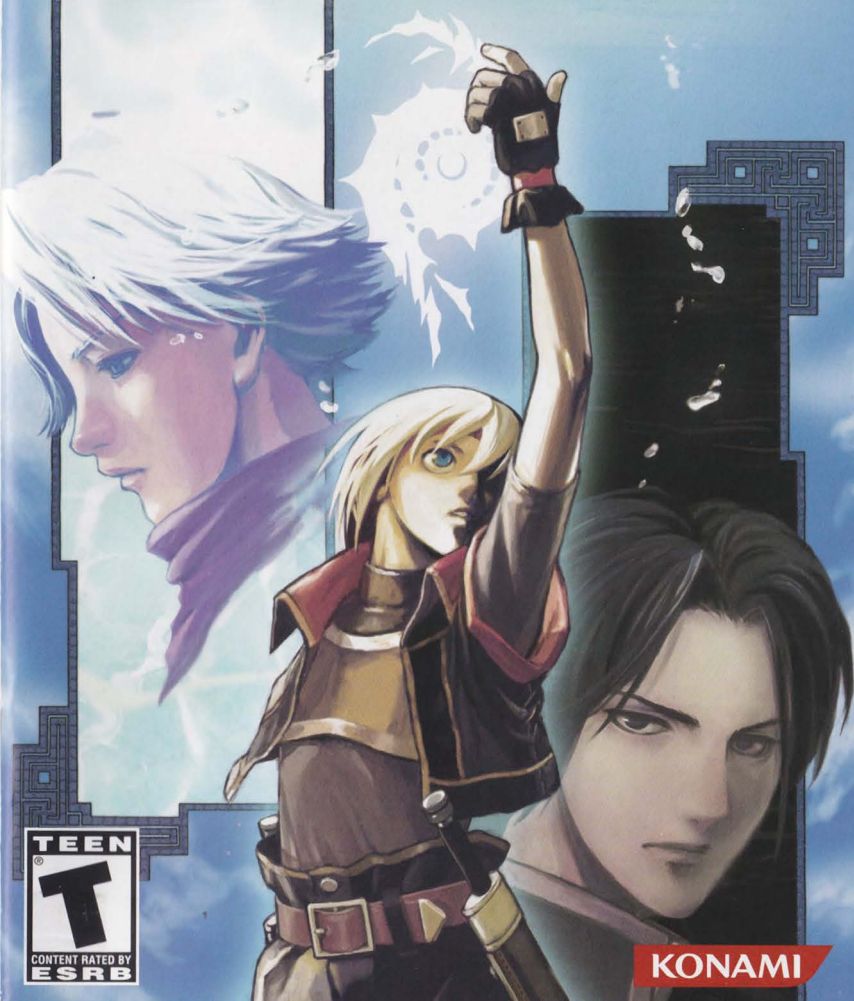


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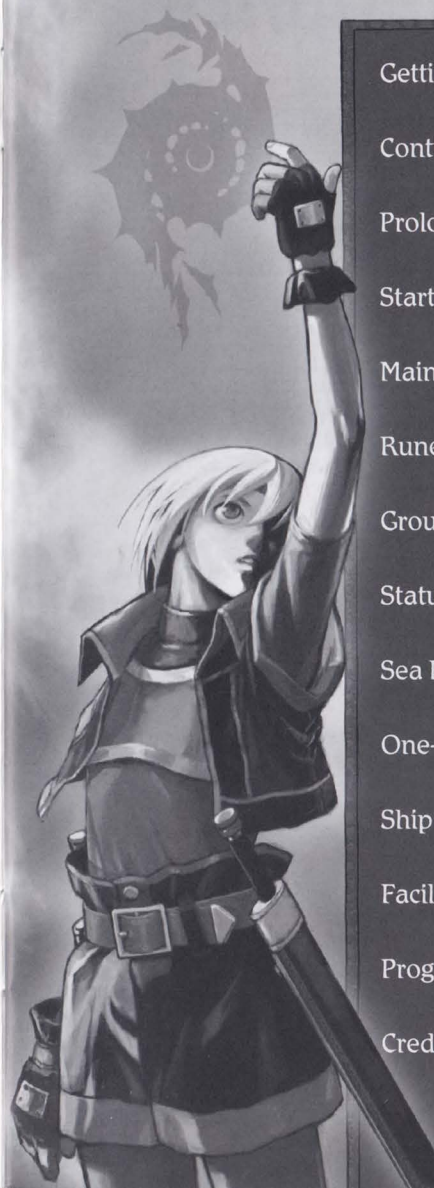
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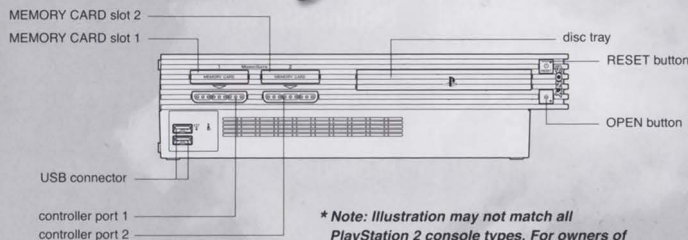
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# Getting Started



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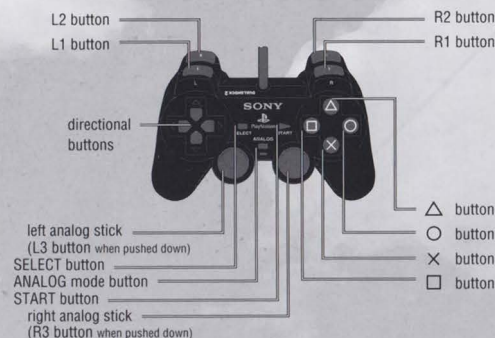
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# Controls



	Menus	Field Map	World map
○ button	-	-	Display Map
× button	Accept	Action (Search, Talk, Open, etc.)	-
□ button	-	Display Menu	Display Menu
△ button	Cancel	Hold to walk	-
R1 button	-	Hold to run	Hold to sail faster
R2 button	-	Toggle map display	Toggle map display
L1 button	-	Toggle view	Toggle view
L2 button	-	-	-
directional button	Select	Move character	Move ship
right analog stick	-	Move camera	Move camera
left analog stick	Select	Move character	Move ship
SELECT button	-	-	-
START button	-	-	-

- The mode indicator will always be lit.
- Vibration can be turned on or off in the Options Menu, which can be accessed from the Main Menu.
- Only controller port 1 is used in this game.



# Prologue

Spread across the great sea lies a cluster of small islands known as the Island Nations. These islands mainly consist of several independent city-states, which, over the years, have developed a steady maritime economy with each other. There have been occasional scuffles and disagreements among these nations in the past, but for the most part, the Island Nations enjoy a quiet, sovereign existence.

Towards the west  
of the great sea lies  
an island nation  
called Gaien.

In this nation stands the  
city of Razril, where an  
unassuming young man trains  
diligently at the naval academy  
there, soon to become a  
Knight of Gaien.



Years ago, he had been taken in  
by the Vingerhut family and was  
raised with his best friend, Snowe.

His other good friends, Tal,  
Keneth, Paula, and Jewel, also  
attend the naval academy with him.

Tomorrow, at long  
last, is graduation day  
at the naval academy.

Our story unfolds with these  
friends as they return to Razril  
on their training vessel...





# Starting the Game



Please select NEW GAME to embark on a new journey or CONTINUE to pick up from a previously saved game.

## New Game

The game starts after the hero's name has been entered.

The following game settings can be changed after the game is started by selecting Options from the Main Menu:

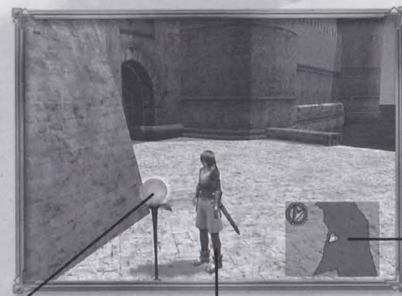
Display Message	Scrolling / Show All
Camera Mode	Fixed / Free
Set Vibration	ON / OFF
Screen Adjust	Adjust screen
Sound Output	Stereo / Mono
BGM Volume	Quiet  Loud
SFX Volume	Quiet  Loud
Voice Volume	Quiet  Loud
Hero's Voice	Voice A / Voice B / OFF

## Saving the Game

You can save your progress at any of the Traveler's Orbs that are scattered throughout the world. You can also find them at the various town inns. To save while at sea, simply press the button and select Save from the menu.

Please note that 99KB of free memory is required to save to the memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2).

# Main Menu

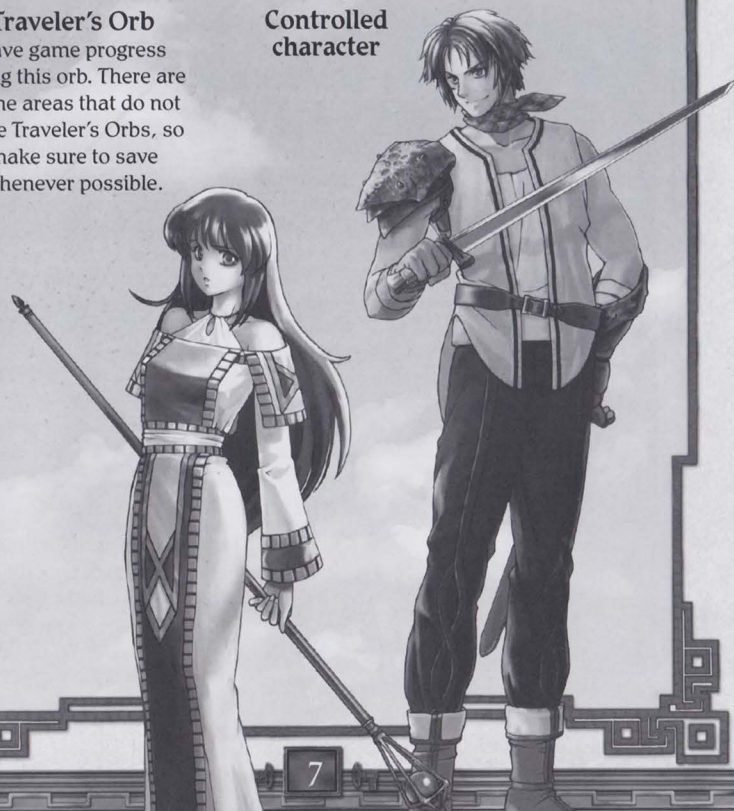


Map

## Traveler's Orb


Save game progress using this orb. There are some areas that do not have Traveler's Orbs, so make sure to save whenever possible.

## Controlled character







Press the  button to display the Main Menu.

## Main Menu Contents

### Items

Usable Items	Items that can be used on the map.
Equippable Items	Items that can be equipped.
Sealed Orbs	A Rune smith can attach the power of a Rune to a character.
Rune Pieces	A blacksmith can attach a Rune piece to a weapon.
Material	Armor can be created by taking it to a certain character.
Antiques	Unknown items can be identified by an appraiser.
Tradable Items	Earn money by skillfully buying and selling this merchandise.
Other	Miscellaneous items.
Full Inventory	A full list of items.
Rare Items	Special items that are important to the story.

### Runes

First, select a character whose Rune you wish to cast. Then, select the Rune and the desired Rune magic spell. In order for Rune magic to be cast, the Rune must be attached to the character. It is possible to attach Runes to the forehead, right hand, or left hand. There are 4 different levels of magic spells for most Runes. A character's ability will determine the number of spells that can be cast for each level. When a spell is cast, this number decreases, and when the number reaches zero, that level spell can no longer be cast. Spell points can be replenished by staying at an inn or using certain items.

### Equipment

To equip armor, select a character that you would like to have equipped and then select where you would like to equip armor. After doing so, a list of equippable items will appear. Certain characters may have armor that cannot be changed. Select "Equip Best" to equip the character with the most appropriate available armor.

### Status

Check the status of your party.

### Formation

Adjust your party's battle positions.

### Options

See "New Game" on Page 6 for information on option settings.

## Ship Menu Contents

While sailing on a ship, the following commands appear:

### Anchor

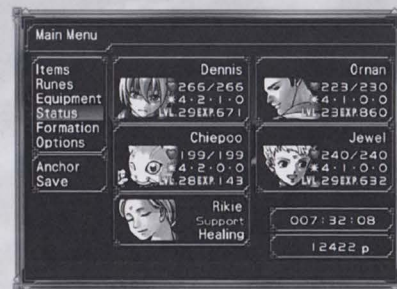
While sailing on a ship, this will cast the anchor and allow you to explore the ship.

### Depart

When exploring the ship at sea, choose to raise the anchor and set sail.

### Save

Save game progress.





# Rune Magic

This is a list of some of the main Runes and their effects. Healing type Runes, like Water Runes, can also be used outside of battle. In order to use Rune magic, the character must have the Rune equipped. After obtaining a sealed Rune, visit a Rune Master to have the Rune equipped.

## Fire Rune

**Area effect attack magic**

- |                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| LV1 Flaming Arrows | 100HP damage to one enemy.   |
| LV2 Dancing Flames | 150HP damage to all enemies. |
| LV3 Blazing Wall   | 300HP damage to all enemies. |
| LV4 Explosion      | 500HP damage to all enemies. |

## Lightning Rune

**Single target attack magic**

- |                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| LV1 Beserk Blow    | 100HP damage to all enemies. |
| LV2 Thunder Runner | 300HP damage to one enemy.   |
| LV3 Soaring Bolt   | 600HP damage to one enemy.   |
| LV4 Furious Blow   | 900HP damage to one enemy.   |

## Water Rune

**Healing magic**

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| LV1 Kindness Drops | Recover HP and cure status of one party member.  |
| LV2 Breath of Ice  | 100HP damage to all enemies.                     |
| LV3 Kindness Rain  | Recover HP and cure status of all party members. |
| LV4 Silent Lake    | Temporarily suppress magic for all.              |

## Wind Rune

**Combination of attack, healing, and special magic**

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| LV1 Wind of Sleep | Put all enemies to sleep.                             |
| LV2 Healing Wind  | Recover HP and cure status of one party member.       |
| LV3 The Shredding | 300HP damage to all enemies.                          |
| LV4 Funeral Wind  | 300HP damage and possible instant death to one enemy. |

## Earth Rune

**Support magic**

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| LV1 Clay Guardian  | Increase physical and magical defense by 30%.         |
| LV2 Vengeful Child | Defend against one magic attack for one party member. |
| LV3 Guardian Earth | Cure all status ailments for party members.           |
| LV4 Earthquake     | 800HP damage to all earthbound enemies.               |

Whether you have one Rune or three equipped, you still have the same amount of MP to use. The four numbers in your status indicate the number of times you can cast a spell of that level before needing to rest.





# Group Battles

Throughout your journey, random battles will occur, and the screen will change to a battle screen. During a battle, your objective is to select various battle commands in order to complete the battle. If your characters are victorious, they may be rewarded with experience points, items, and/or money (also called Potch).

**Group battles will commence when there is a random encounter on the field. Characters will level up and become stronger as they gain more experience points from these battles.**



## Battle Commands

### Fight

Attack	Use a standard weapon attack.
Defend	Reduce enemy's attack damage.
Rune	Use Rune magic.
Item	Select and use an item.
Combo	Use a cooperative attack.

### Retreat

Choose to escape from a battle. There is a chance that you will not be able to run away from the battle.

### Release

When battling weaker enemies, you can choose to release them from the fight.

### Potch

Bribe the enemy with Potch to end a battle.

### Rush

Concentrate all your party's power onto one character to perform a powerful attack on all enemies.

### Auto

All party members will perform standard weapon attacks.

### Switch

Change to another party to continue the battle. This option is only available at the main base.

## Combination Magic

Combination magic can occur when two Level 4 Rune magic spells are cast simultaneously. When this condition is met, the player will be able to combine magic spells, creating an even more powerful effect.

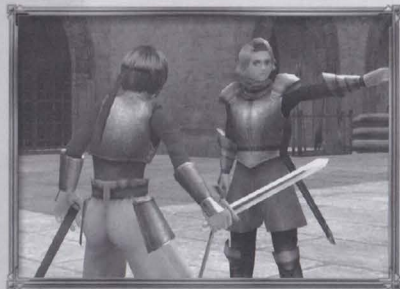
The following chart shows some examples of how the magical elements can work together.





## Cooperative Attack

When certain characters in your party have reached a certain level of familiarity with each other, a special combination attack can occur.



Example of Cooperative Attack  
Hero + Snowe → Friendship Attack



There are many  
Cooperative Attacks to be  
discovered. Try out various  
battle party combinations  
to find them!





# Status Indicators

Certain monster attacks, spells, and special abilities can alter a character's status.

## Status Ailments

Shown below are the possible status changes that have negative effects.



Sleep



Stun



Heartbreak



Silence



Confuse



Unconscious



Poison



Bucket



Balloon

Status	Description	Cure
Unconscious	Cannot do anything in battle	Cure with item or magic
Poison	Gradually lose HP every turn	Cure with item or magic, or recover at end of battle
Sleep	Cannot do anything in battle	Receive damage or recover at end of battle
Stun	Cannot do anything in battle	Cure with item
Heartbreak	Cannot perform cooperative attack or defend another	Cure with magic
Silence	Cannot cast magic spells	Cure with item or magic
Confusion	Attack party members	Cure with item or magic, or wears off after time
Bucket	Accuracy decreases	Cure with item or magic, or recover at end of battle
Balloon	Three balloons remove party member from battle	Cure with item or magic

## Status Enhancements

Shown below are the possible status changes that have enhancing effects.



Defense Up



Magic Defense Up



Attack Up



Magic Ability Up



Berserk



Evolution



Nullify Magic

Status	Description	Cure
Berserk	Increases attack and magic attack ability	Caused by item or enemy attack
Evolution	Increases magical ability	Caused by item
Defense Up	Increases defense	Caused by item or magic
Magic Defense Up	Increases magic defense	Caused by item or magic
Attack Up	Increases attack power	Caused by item
Magic Ability Up	Increases magic ability	Caused by item
Nullify Magic	Becomes resistant to magic spells	Caused by item or magic

Please note that all status enhancement effects will wear off over time. At the conclusion of a battle, all characters will lose any status enhancements they may have.



# Sea Battles

Throughout the hero's journey, a number of major sea battles will arise. These battles consist of multiple ships battling it out on the open seas. Each of the ships have distinct attributes which are determined by their crews.

## Ship Setup

### Captain

A ship's mobility is determined by its captain. The higher the mobility, the faster the ship can take action.

### Rune Cannon

The type and power of the Rune Cannon is determined by the crew member assigned to fire the ship's Rune Cannon.

### Fighters

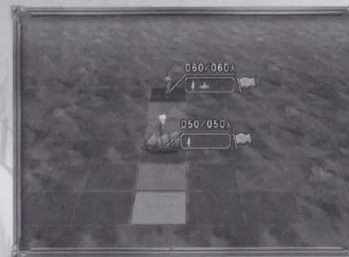
These crew members command a certain number of underlings and are in charge of boarding the enemy ships, or defending a ship from being boarded.

### Underlings

The Underlings, which make up the rest of the ship's crew, consists of all the sailors on a ship. The more sailors there are, the less the ship will be able to move. If the ship takes damage from an enemy Rune Cannon, the number of active crew members will decrease.



## Sea Battle Commands



Highlight one of the ships under your command and press the button to make the sea battle menu appear.

Press the button to be able to see the current Battle Progress, Victory Conditions or to leave the battle up your strategist.

### Move

A ship can only move the number of squares indicated.

### Fire Cannon

After the Rune type is selected, the Rune Cannon will be fired. The ship that takes a hit from the Rune Cannon will lose some of its active crew members.

If the ship is in position to return fire, it will be possible to select a Rune type and retaliate. When two Rune Cannons are fired at each other, the way the two Rune Shells interact will vary, depending on the attributes of the Runes fired.

### Board

When two ships are adjacent to each other, it is possible to engage in hand-to-hand combat by boarding the other ship. The battle will continue until one side has won.

### Surrender

Withdraw from the sea battle.

### Standby

No actions are taken.

### Detailed Report

View ship status.

A ship will be removed from a sea battle if the number of active crew members reaches 0, if the ship loses a boarding battle, or if the ship withdraws from battle.





# One-on-One Duels

There are times when the hero's forces will have a one-on-one confrontation with the enemy. During these duels, the player must decide whether to choose "Attack," "Guard," or "Special" by carefully anticipating the enemy's next action. Listen carefully to what the enemy says, since this may provide a clue as to what the enemy's next move will be!

*Under normal circumstances, when your opponent is going to "attack", you'll want to beat him to the punch by using a "special" technique; if he "guards", a good "attack" will break through; and "guarding" is the best medicine for a "special" technique.*



HP Gauge



A "Full Power" technique can be performed once per battle, and is twice as strong. Choose your commands carefully.



# Ship Travel

Throughout your adventure, you will be traveling at sea. Here are the controls for navigating your ship.

Press **↑** to move your ship forward and **↓** to decrease your ship's speed. To steer the ship press **←** and **→** on the left analog stick. To make your ship sail faster, hold down the R1 button. Press the **○** button to bring up the Sea Map. The Sea Map will show ports that have previously been revealed by the party as red dots.



Storypoint Pointer

Cursor

Ship Location

Revealed Port

On the Sea Map, press the **×** button to change the course of your ship. Your ship will be facing the direction that you chose when you leave the Sea Map. Hold down the **□** button and move the left analog stick to toggle the cursor between the ports on your map. If there is a specific location that the party should be heading towards to advance the story, a blue cursor will appear on the map.

*Make sure you guide your ship directly into a port if you want to dock. If you come in at an angle, you won't be able to land and will be forced to turn around.*





# Facilities

There are various shops and services scattered around each of the towns. Listed below are some of the major ones.



## Item Shop

Buy and sell various items.



## Armor Shop

Buy and sell various equippable armor.



## Rune Master

Rune Orbs, which enable magic or other special abilities, can be taken to the Rune Master to have them attached to a character.



## Blacksmith

The blacksmith can improve a character's weapons. The blacksmith can also enhance weapons by attaching Rune Pieces to them. Weapons equipped with Rune Pieces that overpower your enemy's Runes will result in greater damage inflicted.



## Inn

After a long day's journey, it is a good idea to replenish your party's HP and MP by staying at an inn. Traveler's Orbs, which can be used to save your game, can also be found here.



## Appraiser

Monsters sometimes drop unknown items. Take an unknown item to an appraiser to find out its worth.



## Trading Post

Buy and sell tradable merchandise here. Look for deals to make a profit at other islands.




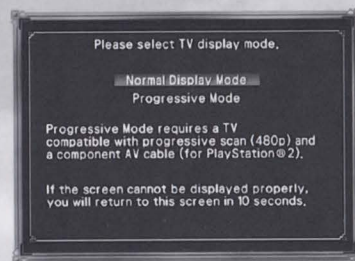
## Lottery

Use your Lottery Tickets to spin the wheel and cast lots. The different colored balls give you better prizes

# Progressive Scan Mode

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Please read the instructions carefully and choose an option with the  button. If it does not display properly, please enjoy the game using the previous mode.



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